



PRIORITIZATION AND ALLOCATION OF J-1 VISA RECOMMENDATIONS

The Kansas J-1 Visa Waiver program focuses on primary care and meeting emergency medical systems and chronic care needs of the underserved populations. Non-primary care specialists may also apply. Priority will be given in the following order.

1. Tier 1, Primary Care: Physicians specializing in Family Practice, General Internal Medicine, General Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, Emergency Medicine or Psychiatry; and will be working in outpatient ambulatory care setting.
2. Tier 2 Specialty: Physicians specializing in a primary care specialty (listed above) and will be serving in the capacity as a Hospitalist. Physicians specializing in a non-primary care specialty directly related to the management of time critical diagnoses (STEMi, Stroke, and Trauma).
3. Tier 3 Specialty: Physicians who are board certified in all other specialties, with preference to specialties that directly supports the coordination of care for patients with chronic disease (e.g., diabetes, heart disease).

At the start of each new cycle, the availability of Kansas J-1 waiver recommendations will be allocated according to the following table.

		July 1 to December 31
Practice sites located in communities with less than 40 people per square mile	All Tiers	At minimum 10 slots reserved
Practices sites located in communities with 40 or more people per square mile	Tiers 1 and 2	At minimum 10 slots reserved
	Tier 3	No minimum slot reserved

Should all Kansas's allotment of J-1 waiver recommendation slots not be committed during the timeframe July 1 to December 31, remaining slots may be released following the table, below:

		January 1 to January 31	February 1 to February 28/29	March 1 to March 31	April 1 to June 30
Practice sites located in communities with less than 40 people per square mile	All Tiers	up to 6 slots remain reserved	up to 4 slots remain reserved	up to 2 slots remain reserved	vacant slots released
Practices sites located in communities with 40 or more people per square mile	Tiers 1 and 2	up to 4 slots remain reserved	up to 2 slots remain reserved	vacant slots released	vacant slots released
	Tier 3	No minimum slot reserved			

Kansas will use its authority to recommend up to ten (10) waivers each year for Tier 1 or 2 physicians to practice in areas that do not have the required federal shortage area designations for physicians. The criteria used to determine eligibility will include the following:

- Employer/facility serves medically underserved individuals that come from federally designated primary care health professional shortage areas (HPSAs); and
- Employer/facility has in place an established charitable/financial assistance policy with a discounted/sliding fee schedule for patients who qualify to ensure that no one who is unable to pay will be denied access to services.